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TURK REPORT

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Central Powers' Armies Said
to be Moving Into Alban-
ia to Attack the Ital-
ian Forces.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—The sinking of two British monitors in the Tigris and three other enemy ships at the Dardanelles was officially reported today by the Turkish war office in the following statement: "Iraq front.—In Mesopotamia near Kut-el-Amara, our artillery sank two monitors. On the entire northern front we have approached nearer to the enemy's positions. "Dardanelles front.—Our Anatolian batteries, successfully bombarded Morto Liman and the landing stage at Tekke Burnu, sinking two boats and an ammunition ship. "At the camps abandoned by the British we found enough provisions to last a whole army corps for a long while."

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Although no official confirmation has been received of the reports that the long expected Turco-German drive into Egypt has begun, the censorship on cables from Cairo and Alexandria has been greatly tightened within the past three days. Unofficial advices have been received in London from a number of different sources within the past 24 hours giving accounts of the opening of the Egyptian campaign. It is a marked circumstance, however, that both Constantinople and Berlin have remained silent upon the subject.

Judging from recent developments there is every reason to believe the Turks and Germans have launched their attack and that fighting on the Sinai peninsula is a matter of only a short time. The Greek political situation is still hanging fire with the government evidently awaiting further events in the Balkans before taking a decisive step. In the meantime the Bulgarians and Germans continue to swarm along the Greek frontier and it is now reported that an Austro-Hungarian force is moving to invade Albania and engage the Italians who had landed there.

Reports that Russian troops have invaded Bulgaria at Varna have come to naught. The reports circulated on Tuesday that Varna had been bombarded by a Russian fleet and a landing effected there are probably explained by the following telegram from Petrograd today: "On Tuesday two small Russian torpedo boats chased a Bulgarian destroyer into the harbor of Varna. Coast batteries opened fire upon the Russian ships, but they escaped unharmed. Afterward the Russian ships came upon two Turkish sailing ships and sank them."

CLERK IS HELD.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 23.—Charged with embezzling approximately \$25,000 from the funds of the borough of Swissvale, Allegheny county, William J. Cupples, for eight years clerk of the borough, was arrested by detectives here today.

GREECE'S CABINET
TO MEET TONIGHT

ATHENS, Dec. 23.—Premier Skoufides today summoned the cabinet to meet in extraordinary session tonight. Decisions on important matters before the government are expected to be reached at the meeting. They are understood to relate to the military situation. News has reached here that large Austrian and German forces are concentrating to the north of the Greek frontier near Givigli and on the railway leading to Salonika. In view of the triumph of the Greek nationalists in Sunday's election, allied sympathizers in Athens believe that the Teutons will inaugurate an offensive in the direction of Salonika within a week.

According to unconfirmed reports that have reached the entente ministers, large numbers of Bulgarian soldiers are being equipped with German uniforms and will participate in the invasion of Greek territory as Teuton troops.

By this plan, friends of the allies say, the central powers hope to avoid any clash with Greece such as might be expected if a Bulgarian army crossed the frontier.

IF YOU DON'T WANT
THE GRIP, THEN DON'T:

Remain in rooms where the air is dry and close.
Become completely fatigued.
Get ravenously hungry.
Remain long in overcrowded street cars or theaters.
Remain near persons who sneeze and cough.
Attempt to meet weather changes by underwearing changes; wear either flannels or light underclothing throughout the season.
Wear furs around the neck in the day time and none at night.
Kiss or hug people who have colds.
Get your feet wet and permit them to remain wet indefinitely.
Fail to exercise common sense.

Must Say Prayer
Every Day For a
Year to Get \$100

On the condition that he say the "Kadeish," a Jewish prayer, for the saving and redemption of souls, every day for a whole year, C. H. Pechanski, of Russian Poland, will receive \$100 from the estate of the late Hyman Kaplan by the terms of the will prolated Thursday in circuit court.

The Kadeish, according to Orthodox Jewish customs, must be said by a near relative of the family following a death, for a year thereafter and once annually after the first year. This is usually done by the nearest of kin.

Kaplan died Dec. 14. He formerly conducted a junk store at Chapin and Division sts. His personal property is placed at \$500 and his realty at \$7,000. His wife is named as executrix. By the terms of the will the Congregational Sons of Israel receive \$500 to apply on the mortgage on the property or in the event there is no mortgage, to be used for repairs on the church.

Libbie Goldstein, a sister of Pittsburg, Pa., receives \$500, and Esther Kaplan, an adopted daughter, gets \$1,000. The Jewish Old Home in Chicago receives a bequest of \$100 and the Orthodox Consumptive hospital of Denver receives a like amount. The residue goes to the widow with the exception of the \$100 to Pechanski for saying the Kadeish.

DRESS DID NOT FIT
IS RULING OF COURT
Woman Who Ordered Gown Must
Pay, But Maker Is Assess-
ed Costs.

The dress didn't fit. This was the decision of Justice J. Elmer Peak Thursday morning in the damage suit of Hattie Polimkowski against Pelagius Grejer, dressmaker. Damages of 50 cents were assessed against the dressmaker. The plaintiff in turn must pay a like amount as balance due the defendant for making the garment. The costs in the case will reach \$7.40 which follow the judgment. The dress in itself is worth only about \$7. The goods was valued at \$3, the cost of making \$3.50, and the trimmings made up the balance.

The technical finding of the court was that Mrs. Polimkowski ordered a maternity gown, and that the dressmaker failed to follow all the specifications. Trial in the case was heard Tuesday, when the gown was placed on exhibition, and expert dressmakers appeared as witnesses.

ALL NOT CARED FOR
Associated Charities Want Santas
For Fifty Families.

Fifty South Bend families will go hungry on Christmas day unless the Christmas committee of the Associated Charities receives this number of baskets of food within the next two days. Already provisions have been made for about 300 families, but at least 50 more are still on the list and association has nothing with which to provide for them. The heads of the Associated Charities have sent out a request for automobiles to collect and deliver Christmas baskets.

COURT TO TAKE REST
County Clerk's Office Will be Open
Christmas Morning.

Superior court wound up for the Christmas holiday Thursday afternoon after issues in several cases set for next week were heard. The court adjourned until Monday morning Circuit court will adjourn Friday noon until the following Monday. Officers in the court house will close Friday evening with the exception of the county clerk's department, which will be opened for a while Christmas morning to care for any holiday-nationally-inclined couples.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Carl E. Koehler, steamfitter; Anna M. Schmidt, bookkeeper, Mishawaka. Anderson Morrison, farmer, Walkerton; Hazel Lindley, Walkerton. Gustave A. Seeding, mail order business, Chicago; Estelle Soderbeck, Chicago.

DEATH STALKS
ALONG ENTIRE
WESTERN LINE

Mightiest Artillery Duel of the
War Has Been Raging
in West Flanders
For a Week.

GERMANS START NEW
DRIVE TOWARD CALAIS

Poperinghe Said to Have Been
Wiped Out While Ypres
is Again Raked by
German Guns.

BERLIN (by wireless), Dec. 23.—German troops recaptured the summit of Hartmannswillerkopf in the Vosges Wednesday, the war office announced today. Part of the northern slope is still held by French troops, but they are being cleared out.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—For a week the mightiest artillery duel of the war has been raging in West Flanders. From the North sea to Armentieres the ground has rocked and roared beneath the shattering fire of heavy German, British, French and Belgian guns.

With only a few hours' respite in the dead of night, the artillery has literally drenched the ground with hundreds of thousands of shells of every caliber.

Ypres, the ghost of what was once a beautiful city, has again been raked by the fire of the big German howitzers. When the cannonade was opened last week by the Germans, it was reported that the Kaiser had ordered another drive toward Calais, and that the bombardment was made in preparation for infantry attacks. The Germans had massed an enormous number of men east of Ypres and their ammunition supply was boundless.

Duel is Extended.
The German artillery was concentrated against the British positions around Poperinghe, northwest of Ypres, and the English guns replied. From Ypres the duel extended north and south, and soon a thousand or more big guns were thundering in the marshlands and along the sudden banks of the Yser river and the Yser canal.

While the rolling drum fire of the artillery blasted the country side below, air scouts have been unusually active in an effort to search out the locations of many batteries. Numerous duels have taken place in the clouds above the flaming guns which were duelling on earth.

Frequently the artillerymen working the high angle guns were as busy as their fellow artilleryists who were throwing shells against the enemy trenches. Dispatches from towns behind the front say that every battery in Belgium is in action. The artillery fire around Ypres is called "indescrivable."

Poperinghe is said to have been wiped from the earth. Rush Up Reinforcements.
The British are rushing up reinforcements, some of the troops being new levies that were never before under fire. They could not have faced a more deadly baptism than the terrific cannonade from the German guns.

The following communique was issued at the war office this afternoon: "The night was comparatively calm on the entire front. To the south of Arras, in the region of Beaurains, our artillery pursued its destructive fire upon the enemy's works."

"In Champagne there were grenade combats to the east of the Navarin farm and in the sector of Hill No. 193. "In the Vosges, at Hartmannswillerkopf, the situation is unchanged on our left, where counter attacks have been launched by the enemy. Our right wing continued to advance yesterday."

KAISER UNDER CARE
OF TWO SPECIALISTS

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Emperor William's illness is more serious than the official announcement issued in Berlin, according to a dispatch received from The Hague today. The message says that private advisers reaching high officials in the Dutch capital state that the Kaiser is confined to his bed with a high fever and that he is under the care of two specialists. It adds that three sons of the emperor have been summoned to Berlin and that all plans for a Christmas celebration at the German royal palace have been abandoned.

ALLIES' FIGHT TO
FINISH AGREEMENT

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Fifty-two words comprise the most powerful international pact in the history of the world. This pact is the declaration of London, binding England, France, Russia, Japan and Italy into a quintuple alliance. By the terms of the pact no one of the powers can conclude a separate peace. The text of the covenant follows: "The British, French, Italian, Japanese and Russian governments mutually engage not to conclude peace separately during the present war. The five governments agree that when terms of peace come to be discussed no one of the allies will demand conditions of peace without the previous agreement of each of the other allies."

It is signed by the following representatives of the powers: England—Sir Edward Grey; France—Paul Cambon; Italy—Marquis Imperiali; Japan—K. Inouye; Russia—Comte Benckendorff.

LOST 112,921 MEN
IN DARDANELLES

Names of Relieved Officers
Not Published—Single Men
Refuse to Enlist.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The British forces at the Dardanelles had suffered 112,921 casualties up to Dec. 11, it was announced in the house of commons today by H. J. Tennant, under secretary of war.

The losses were divided as follows: Killed—Officers, 1,609; men, 23,670. Wounded—Officers, 2,969; Men, 72,223. Missing—Officers, 337; men, 12,114. Tennant said it was not desirable to publish the names of the officers at Suva bay who had been relieved of their commands.

Conscription still looms the big issue before the cabinet met again today to consider various phases of Lord Derby's report on recruiting that had to be laid aside at yesterday's session. A modified form of conscription may ultimately be decided upon to force into the army the unmarried men who have thus far failed to enlist for the defense of the country.

Lord Derby's report is said to show that the number of unmarried men in the marshlands and along the sudden banks of the Yser river and the Yser canal. In reaching a final decision as to what action shall be taken to raise the army that Great Britain recognizes is necessary to win, the government is also confronted with the problem of maintaining industry at home, particularly the manufacture of ammunition and the providing of food sufficient for the support of the population.

The present aim of the cabinet is to raise the army to the necessary size and at the same time protect the economic life of the nation. Even the greatest optimists see no prospects of immediate peace. In a war of exhaustion the country that has best protected its economic strength will win.

There is a marked difference of opinion in the cabinet, but if a ministerial crisis is imminent no hint of it has become known.

ROOT NOT A CANDIDATE
Insists That His Name be Left Off
the Ballot.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 23.—Elihu Root, in a letter to the republican state central committee received today said: "I am not a candidate for the presidency. If my name is put on the ballot, I shall be compelled to insist upon its being withdrawn." It was said at the committee rooms that the name of Theodore Roosevelt will now probably go on the ballot.

Latest in the News World

ARMY IN CHARGE.
ROME, Dec. 23.—Martial law will be decreed in Greece tomorrow, according to an Athens dispatch to the Tribune.

TROOP SHIPS SUNK.
ROME, Dec. 23.—A convoy of Arab troop ships has been sunk in the Red sea off the coast of Yemen, Arabia, by allied warships, says a dispatch to the Messagero.

BOMBARD SCUTARI.
BUCHAREST, Dec. 23.—Austrian aeroplanes bombarded the town of Scutari Tuesday.

JURY EXCUSED.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The jury in the New Haven conspiracy trial was excused again today while coun-

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Paul Koenig and Richard Ley-
endecker Alleged German
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EDMUND JUSTICE HELD
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Charges Include Conspiracy
to Violate Neutrality of
United States and At-
tempt to Blow Up Canal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Paul Koenig and Richard Leyendecker, two alleged German agents, were indicted today by a federal grand jury. Koenig, who was said to be in charge of the German secret service in this country, is charged with conspiring to set on foot a military enterprise against a country with which the United States is at peace.

Leyendecker is accused of conspiring with Koenig "to destroy by force of arms the Welland canal and other property in Canada by the use of dynamite."

Koenig was named in both indictments. In the indictment charging Koenig with plotting to violate American neutrality by conspiring to set on foot a military enterprise in Canada, Edmund Justice, the Irishman, who was arrested yesterday, is named as a confederate.

Before the war affected the German commerce Koenig was chief of the investigation department of the Hamburg-American line. Leyendecker is a Fifth av. dealer in antiques. At the present time Koenig is at liberty on \$50,000 bail.

There are five counts in the indictments. Metzler Gets Immunity.
Most of the information upon which the indictments are based was furnished to the grand jury by Frederick Metzler, for years private secretary to Koenig. Metzler was granted immunity by the United States for turning state's evidence.

The allegation that Koenig sent an agent to Italy, France and England to secure military information, was made today when William McCulley was detained at police headquarters at the instance of the department of justice.

McCulley, who is said to have been an assistant of Koenig's, is the man who is reported to have gone abroad. McCulley is said to have successfully evaded the detectives watching the French and British ports.

PRESIDENT AND WIFE
ENJOY GAME OF GOLF

Make Detour From Their Hotel in
Order to Avoid the
Crowd.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 23.—Bright sunshine drew the president and Mrs. Wilson out on the golf links this afternoon for the first time since their honeymoon began. To avoid the crowd which they feared would gather as they started, they made a detour from their hotel and began on the second tee, which hid them from view behind a hill. The secret service men followed them around the links at a short distance. The president and his bride had the links almost entirely to themselves as they selected the time for golfing when practically all the players had quit for lunch. The bride was dressed in a trim blue walking suit cut short, with heavy tan shoes and a small black turban. The weather being mild, the president wore no overcoat. He was attired in gray business suit and a soft hat.

SANDOW EXECUTED AS
SPY, WOMAN CLAIMS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Eugene Sandow, renowned athlete, reputed to be the strongest man in the world, has been executed in London tower after facing a military court on the charge of being a German spy, according to Mrs. M. A. Harper, head of the Harper institute of London, who is a visitor here.

"There can be no doubt that Sandow was shot," said Mrs. Harper. "I know all the leading physical culturists of London, many of them close friends of the athlete and despite the silence of the authorities and the censorship, we have obtained indisputable evidence of the execution last June."

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Noted British Editor and Wife



LORD & LADY NORTHCLIFFE.

Lord Northcliffe, the noted British editor, in the papers under his control, has carried on an attack against Lord Kitchener and Sir John French, the commander at the front. It is intimated that French's recall and the appointment of Sir Douglas Haig to command the British forces in the field was due, in no small measure to the campaign waged by Lord Northcliffe.

EMPLOYEES WILL
SHARE IN PROFITS

Harvester Company Workers
to Pay For Stock Out of
Their Salaries.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Details of a profit-sharing plan for the 35,000 employees of the International Harvester Co. were published today. Under the plan, which goes into effect tomorrow, employees will be offered profit-sharing certificates to be paid for in installments from their salaries. The certificates range from \$50 to \$1,000 and payments are to be from \$1 to \$25 a month. The certificates will pay five per cent, the same as the common stock, and an additional amount from surplus profits.

Also every employee who takes a certificate before March 1, 1916, will have one per cent of his year's salary credited to his payments. In case of sickness or disability the certificates can be sold back to the company for the purchase price. Another big Chicago corporation, the Harris Trust & Savings bank, will submit a compulsory profit-sharing plan to a referendum of employees next Monday. The Harris trust plan is for every employee to pay from 2 to 5 per cent of his salary to the company. This will go into a fund with five per cent of the bank's net earnings for the year. When the worker is 60 years old, he is automatically retired and his share of the whole sum with interest paid him.

NAVY BOARD IN SESSION
Spend Morning in New York Exam-
ining Warships.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The consulting board of the United States navy appointed by Sec'y Daniels to devise means of strengthening the naval establishment, held its first meeting today at the Brooklyn navy yard. The morning was spent examining warships and the afternoon was given over to an executive session at which Peter Cooper Hewitt, vice chairman of the board, presided.

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NO WARNING FOR
JAPANESE LINER

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Additional details about the sinking of the new Japanese liner Yashima Maru in the eastern Mediterranean on Tuesday, received here today, show: 1.—That the vessel was sunk without warning. 2.—That there was one American on board. Dispatches received in Paris from Malta on Wednesday said that the submarine was of German nationality. If this is true, Germany has apparently broken her promise to the United States not to sink any more passenger ships without warning. The agents of the ship's owners at Port Said, report that there were 120 passengers and a crew of 220 on board the liner, which, when destroyed, was on her way from London to Japanese ports. Among the passengers was W. J. Leigh, an American. He, as well as 30 others, was saved. The passengers were picked up by a French gunboat and landed at Port Said after being in small boats for about nine hours. The Port Said agents report that the passengers all express great admiration for the skill and bravery of the captain and members of the ship's crew.

AUSTRIA NOT
AT ODDS WITH
UNITED STATES

Emperor Franz Josef Said to
Have Counseled Foreign
Minister to Grant De-
mands in Late Note.

SPEEDY REPLY WILL
BE MADE BY VIENNA

Message Arrives And is Turn-
ed Over to Baron Bur-
ian by Ambassador
Penfield.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 23.—"Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary has taken the step necessary to prevent a break in diplomatic relations between his country and the United States," says a message received from Vienna today by a neutral diplomat, who has been afforded exceptional opportunities for communication with both the Austrian and German capitals. "The aged emperor has counseled Baron Burian, his foreign minister, to grant the demands of the United States," the message continues. "He wishes the world to understand that Austria is not at odds with America over the principle of humanity involved in the destruction of the Ancona, but that the issue is one of facts and that the facts presented by the United States be accepted by him."

NOTE ARRIVES.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna cabled the state department today that he had delivered Sec'y Lansing's second note on the Ancona case to the Austrian foreign office at 6 o'clock Tuesday night. He stated that he received the note during the afternoon and as quickly as he could have it decoded, transmitted it to Foreign Minister Burian. It is understood that Ambassador Penfield stated also that Austria has promised a speedy reply. It was stated on reliable authority that the ambassador also indicated that there was a more hopeful feeling in Vienna that it would be possible to settle the questions at issue without any break in the diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Until the Ancona matter is disposed of, the state department will withhold publication of the latest German note dealing with the sinking of the American ship William P. Frye. FRANCE TO DELAY REPLY
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—France will not reply to the state department's note of protest against the removal of Germans from American steamers by the French cruiser Descautes until it has received word from the commander of the Descautes. Ambassador Sharp at Paris so notified the state department today.

Mr. Sharp stated that the French foreign office informed him when he delivered the note that it would have to await a report from the commander of the warship before it could make a reply. Ambassador Sharp's cable indicated that France will not make any special effort to get into touch with the Descautes commander but will await his report.

Limiting deposits of national banks to 10 per cent, or possibly eight per cent of the capital and surplus. Providing a feasible method for the consolidation of national banks.

Empowering the comptroller to remove officers or directors guilty of violation of law or regulation. Empowering the comptroller to declare a directors' seat vacant if such an officer, upon election, fails for 30 days to file his oath.

Prohibiting bank officers and directors from lending their bank's money to themselves. Empowering the comptroller to impose and collect fines for the payment of bank overdrafts.

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